HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 523 By Casada

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pat Tyree on her receipt of the RadioShack National Teacher Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Pat Tyree is one such estimable educator and has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a geometry, statistics, and calculus teacher at Franklin High School, Mrs.

Tyree has recently been honored with the RadioShack National Teacher Award, a tribute most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Pat Tyree received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in mathematics education from Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, Pat Tyree has served with acumen and alacrity as a high school mathematics teacher for 29 exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tyree is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pat Tyree truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Tyree was a state finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 2002 and was named Williamson County High School Teacher of the Year in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Pat Tyree is an active member of her profession; she served as President of the Middle Tennessee Math Teachers Association from 2000 to 2002 and is a member of the Tennessee Math Teachers Association, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Association for Supervision and Development of Curriculum, and Delta Kappa Gamma; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tyree is also a devoted wife and mother; she is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Frank, and their delightful and charming children, Sharon, Will, and Russell; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Pat Tyree should be specially recognized by this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Pat Tyree on her receipt of the RadioShack National Teacher Award, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.